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3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-341627, published December 8, 2000 with English Abstract.

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4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-29756, published January 28, 2000 with English Abstract.
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